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Opening of New Post Office under 100 Day's programme

5773. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the department of posts had formulated a 100 day's programme to improve postal facility; and

(b) if so, the number of posts offices proposed to be opened under the said Programme and the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 100 days' programme formulated in the month of April, 1991 did not envisage opening of post offices and, therefore, the question of indicating the progress made does not arise.

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Electronic Telephone exchanges in drug district of Madhya Pradesh

5774. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR:
SHRI ARVIND NETAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to install electronic telephone exchanges in Durg District of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be installed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details are as under:-

Sl. No.	*Station.*	*Name of Type of Electronic exchange*	*period planned*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*
1.	Bolad	512 P ILT	1991-92
2.	Durg	3K E10 B(Main)	1993-94
3.	Bhillai	2K E 10 B(RLU)	- do-
4.	Borai	128 p C-DOT RAX)	1991-92

Teesta Barrage project as National Project

5775. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISHRA:
SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for the declaration of the Teesta Barrage Project as a National Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDHYACHARAN

SHUKLA): (a) and (b). No such proposal has been received from the State Govenment. A request was, however, received from the Government of West Bengal for financing the Teesta Barrage Project on a 50:50 basis. The request was not found acceptable by the Planning Commission.

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Construction of Post Building at Banta in Orissa

5776. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banta Sub-Post Office building in the District Balasore, Orissa has since been under construction since 1983-84;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in completion of its construction; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and amount utilised till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Banta sub Post Office building in the district of Balasore in Orissa State has been under construction since 1987-88.

(b) There was some dispute regarding the demarcation of the land, which has been settled. The construction work will restart soon after the possession is made over as per the revised demarcation.

(c) The total estimated cost for which sanction has since been issued is Rs. 15,50,540/- and amount utilised till date is 1,99,356/-.

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Over payment of foreign allowance to officials of Indian embassy in Washington

5777. SHRI BH. VIJAYAKUMAR RAJU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any over-payment of Foreign Allowance was made to the officials of the Indian Embassy , Washington and Consulates General at New York and San Francisco;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. There was some over-payment of foreign allowance to the officials in Missions at Washington , San Francisco and New York while disbursing in 1989.

(b) The over-payment resulted from wrong calculations at the time of the payment of salaries during 1989. Details are as follows:

Mission	*No. of Officers*	*Total Amount of Ever-Payment*
1	*2*	*3*
Washington	18	2,44,843.68
San Francisco	1	15,202.80
New York	14	2,85,575.31